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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BID FOR

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CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN MALIBU AT 0.2 MILE WEST OF TUNA CANYON ROAD
In District 07 on Route 1

UNDER

Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions dated November 13, 2017
Project plans approved October 13, 2017
Standard Specifications dated 2015
Standard Plans dated 2015

Identified by

Contract No. 07-3P7904

07-LA-1-41.7

Project ID 0713000278

Bids open Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Dated November 13, 2017

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Contract No.: 07-3P7904 Project ID: 0713000278
Bidder Name: Procon Builders, Inc.
BID TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DES-OE-0102.1

Bidder ID: VC1700002038

Name of Bidder Procon Builders, Inc.
Bidder ID VC1700002038
Business Street Address 12063A Jefferson Blvd.
(Include even if P.O. Box is used)
Business P.O. Box
City, State, Zip Culver City, CA, 90230
Telephone No. (818)458-1078
Fax No. (310)822-4700
Contractor License No.977214
California Department of Industrial Relations Registration number 1000021198
Checksum 4F787933

1. Bidder agrees, if this bid is accepted, to enter into a contract with the Department, in the form included in the Standard Specifications, to perform the work provided in the Contract under the terms of the Contract for the price or prices bid.

For a lump sum or unit price based bid, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the work within the number of working days shown on the Notice to Bidders.

For a cost plus time based bid on a contract without a plant establishment or permanent erosion control establishment period, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the work within the number of working days bid.

For a cost plus time based bid on a contract with a plant establishment or permanent erosion control establishment period, Bidder additionally agrees to perform the non-establishment work within the number of working days bid for non-establishment work.

- 2.1. If a discrepancy between the unit price and the item total exists, the unit price prevails except:
 - 2.1.1. If the unit price is illegible, omitted, or the same as the item total, the item total prevails and the unit price is the quotient of the item total and the quantity.
 - 2.1.2. If a decimal error is apparent in the product of the unit price and the quantity, the Department will use either the unit price or item total based on the closest by percentage to the unit price or item total in the Department's Final Estimate.
- 2.2. If the unit price and the item total are illegible or are omitted, the bid may be determined nonresponsive. If a lump sum total price is illegible or is omitted, the bid may be determined nonresponsive.
- 2.3. Bids on lump sum items are item totals. If a unit price for a lump sum item is entered and it differs from the item total, the item total prevails.
- 2.4. Entries are to be expressed in dollars or decimal fractions of a dollar. Symbols such as commas and dollar signs are ignored and have no significance in establishing unit price or item total.

2.5. Unit prices and item totals are interpreted by the number of digits and decimal placement. Do not round item totals or the total bid.

2.6. For a lump sum based bid, the item total is the bid amount the Department uses for bid comparison.

For a unit price based bid, the sum of the item totals is the bid amount the Department uses for bid comparison.

For a cost plus time based bid, the sum of the item totals and the total bid for time is the bid amount the Department uses for bid comparison.

2.7. The Department's decision on the bid amount is final.

3. Bidder has and acknowledges the following addenda:1
12-06-17 Revise Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions,

4. Bidder submits this bid with one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least 10 percent of the bid, including any additive items: Bidder's Bond

5. Bidder's signature is an affirmation of the included certifications. Bidder is cautioned that making a false certification may result in one or more of the following:

5.1. Criminal prosecution

5.2. Rejection of the bid

5.3. Rescission of the award

5.4. Termination of the Contract

PRINTED NAME:Anthony Talebian AND
TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING:Vice President

BY (Authorized signature)

DATE SIGNED(Do not type)

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Item No.	Item Code	Item Description	Estimated Quantity Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Item Total
1	120090	CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGNS	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	7,000.00
2	120100	TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	13,400.00
3	130100	JOB SITE MANAGEMENT	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	34,300.00
4	130200	PREPARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	1,000.00
5	130620	TEMPORARY DRAINAGE INLET PROTECTION	3.0 EA	250.00	750.00
6	130900	TEMPORARY CONCRETE WASHOUT	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	2,000.00
7	153121	REMOVE CONCRETE (CY)	15.0 CY	360.00	5,400.00
8	170103	CLEARING AND GRUBBING (LS)	LUMP SUM LS	LUMP SUM	30,500.00
9	190130	ROADWAY EXCAVATION (SLIDE REMOVAL)	90.0 CY	41.00	3,690.00
10	198010	IMPORTED BORROW (CY)	1,500.0 CY	60.00	90,000.00
11	210300	HYDROMULCH	72,800.0 SQFT	0.09	6,552.00
12	210430	HYDROSEED	72,800.0 SQFT	0.13	9,464.00

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DES-OE-0102.2C (REV 03/2015)

Bidding Firm: Procon Builders, Inc.

List this sub? Yes

- 1) Business Name Maneri Traffic Control, Inc.
Location City 47423 Rainbow Canyon Rd. State CA
California Contractor License Number 1017741
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000043135
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item	%	Description
1	100	Construction Area Signs

List this sub? Yes

- 3) Business Name E-Nor Innovations, Inc.
Location City 16213 Illinois Ave. Paramount State CA
California Contractor License Number 931953
Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000007079
Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item	%	Description
2	100	Traffic Control System

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DES-OE-0102.2C (REV 03/2015)

Bidding Firm: Procon Builders, Inc.

List this sub? Yes

4) Business Name Marina Landscape, Inc.

Location City 17848 Van Buren Blvd. Riverside State CA

California Contractor License Number 492862

Public Works Contractor Registration Number 1000000079

Portion of Work Subcontracted:

Item	%	Description
11	100	Hydromulch
12	100	Hydroseed

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REQUEST FOR SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE OR NON-SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

DES-OE-0102.7 (REV 02/2010)

COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

*Small Business Preference

The undersigned requests small business preference and certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the firm meets the requirements of 2 CA Code of Regs ♦ 1896 et seq. and is certified as a small business at the time and day of bid opening or has submitted a complete application to the Department of General Services (DGS) and is subsequently certified. The complete application and any required substantiating documentation must be received by DGS by 5:00 p.m. on bid opening date.

Small Business Certification (Reference) Number: 2004242

Date: 12/11/17 Signature: _____

*Non-Small Business Preference

The undersigned non-small business preference and notifies the Department on the Certified Small Business Listing for the Non-Small Business Preference form that it commits to subcontract at least 25 percent of its bid amount with one or more firms that meets the requirements of 2 CA Code of Regs ♦ 1896 et seq. and the firms are certified as small businesses at the time and day of bid opening or have submitted a complete application and are subsequently certified by the Department of General Services (DGS). The complete application and any required substantiating documentation must be received by DGS by 5:00 p.m. on bid opening date. List these firms on the Certified Small Business Listing for the Non-Small Business Preference form.

Date: Signature: _____

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CALIFORNIA COMPANY PREFERENCE

DES-OE-102.9 (REV 11/2008)

This form must be completed by all bidders. Failure of a non-California company to fill out and sign this form may be cause for rejection of its bid. Eligibility for a reciprocal preference for a California company is waived if the California company fails to complete and sign this form under penalty of perjury.

The undersigned certifies that it is a "California company" as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 6107 and meets one of the following (enter requested information):

1. I am a California company which has its principal place of business in California.

or

2. I am not a California company which has its principal place of business in a state in which there is no local contractor preference on construction contracts.

Name of State:

or

3. I am not a California company which has its principal place of business in a state in which there is a local contractor preference and my company has paid not less than \$5,000 in sales or use taxes to California for construction related activity for each of the 5 years immediately preceding the submission of the bid.

Name of State:

California Sales or Use Tax No.:

or

The undersigned certifies that it is not a "California company."

4. I a California company.

My principal place of business is in:

(Enter state or country)

Describe any and all bid preferences provided to your company by the state or country in which your company has its principal place of business. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE _____ Signature of Bidder _____

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OPT OUT OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FOR PRICE INDEX FLUCTUATIONS

DES-OE-0102.12A (REV. 8/2012)

To opt out of payment adjustments for price index fluctuations as specified, complete this form.

I opt out of the payment adjustments for price index fluctuations.

Enter Date and Name to opt out of payment adjustments for price index fluctuations.

Date: 12/11/17 Bidder's Name: Procon Builders, Inc.

Signature: _____

UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS EMPLOYMENT

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 6101, the Bidder certifies compliance with state and federal law respecting the employment of undocumented aliens.

NONCOLLUSION

NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED BY BIDDER AND SUBMITTED WITH BID

Under PCC 7106 and 23 USC 112, the bidder declares as follows:

State of CA County of Los Angeles

Name: Anthony Talebian,

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is

Vice President of

PROcon Builders, Inc.

the party making the foregoing bid that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 7110, the contractor acknowledges that:

1. The contractor recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
2. The contractor to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the Employment Development Department.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 10232, the contractor, swears under penalty of perjury, that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the contractor within the immediately preceding two year period because of the contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court which orders the contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

VIOLATION OF LAW OR A SAFETY REGULATION

Under Pub Cont Code ♦ 10162, the Bidder must complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

Has the Bidder, any officer of the Bidder, or any employee of the Bidder who has a proprietary interest in the Bidder, ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation? No

If the answer is yes, explain the circumstances in the following space.

ANTITRUST LAW

Under Pub Con Code ♦ 10285.1, the Bidder declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the Bidder Has Not been convicted within the preceding three years of any offenses referred to in that section, including any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or any other act in violation of any state or federal antitrust law in connection with the bidding upon, award of, or performance of, any public works contract, as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 1101, with any public entity, as defined in Pub Cont Code ♦ 1100, including the Regents of the University of California or the Trustees of the California State University. The term "Bidder" includes any partner, member, officer, director, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee thereof, as referred to in Section 10285.1.

If the Bidder has been convicted of an offense within the past 3 years, provide the conviction details including the date and ultimate resolution of each conviction in the space below.

PERMITS, LICENSES, AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND RAILROAD
RELATIONS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bidder acknowledges that permits, licenses, agreements, certifications, and the requirements in the document titled "Railroad Relations and Insurance Requirements" are components of the Contract under section 5-1.02 of the Standard Specifications.

BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Failure to truthfully answer the following questions will result in a finding that the bid is nonresponsive. The Bidder must complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

1. Within the past 10 years, has the Bidder been found to be a nonresponsive bidder by any public entity, including federal, State, local, or regional entities?

Yes

2. Within the past 10 years, have any of the Bidder's officers or employees with a proprietary interest in the Bidder been determined to be a nonresponsive bidder by a public entity, including federal, State, local or regional entities?

No

3. Is there any officer or employee of the Bidder who now has or has had any proprietary interest in another company that bid or bids on public works projects whose company has been determined to be a nonresponsive bidder by any public entity, including federal, State, local, or regional entities?

Yes

4. If the answer to any of the 3 preceding questions is yes, disclose all pertinent details of the determination of nonresponsibility, including:

4.1. Date of each nonresponsibility determination

4.2. Name of each public agency issuing the nonresponsibility determination and a contact person at that agency who would have information about the determination

4.3. Contract number for each nonresponsibility determination

4/4/17; Caltrans-Jill Sewell; DBE & Good Faith Effort Documentation; 08-1C1904

1/20/17; Caltrans-Jill Sewell; DBE & Good Faith Effort Documentation; 08-1C6104

END CERTIFICATIONS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BIDDER'S BOND
DES-OE 0102.3 (REV 4/2016)
Contract No. 07-3P7904

Bond No. _____

We _____
_____ as Principal, and

as Surety are bound unto the State of California, Department of Transportation, hereafter referred to as "Obligee", in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid of the Principal submitted to the Obligee for the work described below, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, jointly and severally,

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Principal is submitting a bid to the Obligee, for
CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN MALIBU AT 0.2 MILE WEST OF TUNA CANYON ROAD
In District 07 on Route 1
for which bids are to be opened at 1727 30th Street, Sacramento CA 95816 on
12-12-17.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal is awarded the contract and, within the time and manner required under the specifications, after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enters into a written contract, in the prescribed form, in accordance with the bid, and files two bonds with the Obligee, one to guarantee faithful performance (if specified in the contract) of the contract and the other to guarantee payment for labor and materials as provided by law, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force.

In the event a suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligee and judgement is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Obligee in such suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

Dated: _____, 20____.

Principal: _____

Surety: _____

Address of Surety: _____

(for correspondence or claims)

By _____

Attorney-in-Fact

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of _____

On this _____ before me, _____

Date

Here insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared _____

Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

SIGNATURE _____

Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)

We Procon Builders, Inc.

_____ as Principal, and

United States Fire Insurance Company

as Surety are bound unto the State of California, Department of Transportation, hereafter referred to as "Obligee", in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid of the Principal submitted to the Obligee for the work described below, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, jointly and severally,

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Principal is submitting a bid to the Obligee, for Construction on State Highway in Los Angeles County in Mailbu at

(Copy here the exact description of work, including location, as it appears on the proposal)

0.2mile West of Tuna Canyon Road- Repair Slope

for which bids are to be opened at 1727 30th Street Bidders Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816

(Insert place where bids will be opened)

on Tuesday, December 12, 2017

(Insert date of bid opening)

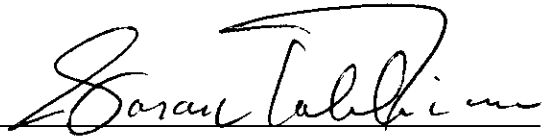
NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal is awarded the contract and, within the time and manner required under the specifications, after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature, enters into a written contract, in the prescribed form, in accordance with the bid, and files two bonds with the Obligee, one to guarantee faithful performance (if specified in the contract) of the contract and the other to guarantee payment for labor and materials as provided by law, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force.

In the event a suit is brought upon this bond by the Obligee and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Obligee in such suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.

Dated: November 28, 2017.

Procon Builders, Inc.

SASAN SAM TALIBIAN
Principal



United States Fire Insurance Company

Surety

305 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962

Address of Surety (for correspondence or claims)

By V. Copeland
Vanessa Copeland, Attorney-in-Fact

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A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of See Attached }

On this _____ before me,

Date

Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared _____

Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)

Signature _____

Signature of Notary Public

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State of California)

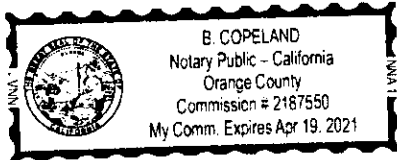
County of Orange)

On 11/28/17 before me, B. Copeland, Notary Public,

personally appeared Vanessa Copeland

Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: [Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

OPTIONAL

Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the document and could present fraudulent and reattachment of this form to another document.

Description of Attached Document

Type or Title of Document: _____

Document Date: _____ Number of Pages: _____

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: Vanessa Copeland

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Corporate Officer – Title(s): _____
- ☐ Partner: ☐ Limited ☐ General
- ☒ Attorney in Fact
- ☐ Trustee
- ☐ Guardian or Conservator
- ☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: _____

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Corporate Officer – Title(s): _____
- ☐ Partner: ☐ Limited ☐ General
- ☐ Attorney in Fact
- ☐ Trustee
- ☐ Guardian or Conservator
- ☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

**POWER OF ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
PRINCIPAL OFFICE - MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

01016407318

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That United States Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, has made, constituted and appointed, and does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Eric Lowey, Mark Richardson, Shawn Blume, Vanessa Copeland

each, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver: Any and all bonds and undertakings of surety and other documents that the ordinary course of surety business may require, and to bind United States Fire Insurance Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds or undertakings had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of United States Fire Insurance Company at its principal office, in amounts or penalties not exceeding: **Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000).**

This Power of Attorney limits the act of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein, and they have no authority to bind United States Fire Insurance Company except in the manner and to the extent therein stated.

This Power of Attorney revokes all previous Powers of Attorney issued on behalf of the Attorneys-In-Fact named above and expires on January 31, 2018.

This Power of Attorney is granted pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws of United States Fire Insurance Company as now in full force and effect, and consistent with Article III thereof, which Articles provide, in pertinent part:

Article IV, Execution of Instruments - Except as the Board of Directors may authorize by resolution, the Chairman of the Board, President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice President, the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary shall have power on behalf of the Corporation:

(a) to execute, affix the corporate seal manually or by facsimile to, acknowledge, verify and deliver any contracts, obligations, instruments and documents whatsoever in connection with its business including, without limiting the foregoing, any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney, stipulations, policies of insurance, deeds, leases, mortgages, releases, satisfactions and agency agreements;

(b) to appoint, in writing, one or more persons for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraph (a), including affixing the seal of the Corporation.

Article III, Officers, Section 3.11, Facsimile Signatures. The signature of any officer authorized by the Corporation to sign any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, stipulations, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney and policies of insurance issued by the Corporation may be printed, facsimile, lithographed or otherwise produced. In addition, if and as authorized by the Board of Directors, dividend warrants or checks, or other numerous instruments similar to one another in form, may be signed by the facsimile signature or signatures, lithographed or otherwise produced, of such officer or officers of the Corporation as from time to time may be authorized to sign such instruments on behalf of the Corporation. The Corporation may continue to use for the purposes herein stated the facsimile signature of any person or persons who shall have been such officer or officers of the Corporation, notwithstanding the fact that he may have ceased to be such at the time when such instruments shall be issued.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, United States Fire Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed and attested by its appropriate officer and its corporate seal hereunto affixed this 10th day of March, 2016.

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY



A. R. Slimowicz

Anthony R. Slimowicz, Senior Vice President

State of New Jersey }
County of Morris }

On this 10th day of March 2016, before me, a Notary public of the State of New Jersey, came the above named officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described herein, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument and affixed the seal of United States Fire Insurance Company thereto by the authority of his office.

**SONIA SCALA
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 3/25/2019**

Sonia Scala

(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, a Delaware corporation, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of United States Fire Insurance Company on the 28th day of Nov. 2017

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY



Al Wright

Al Wright, Senior Vice President

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

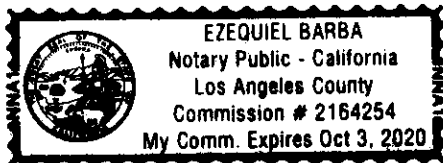
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 County of Los Angeles)
 On 12-11-2017 before me, Ezequiel Barba, Notary Public
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 personally appeared Sasan Talebian
 Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature [Signature]
 Signature of Notary Public

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